

TRIUMPH

in
FLORIDA

An Irish Priest and a Spanish Cathedral

Of the first church at St. Augustine only the barest accounts survive. No date is recorded for its construction, but it was undoubtedly erected very soon after the Spaniards settled in 1565. According to early sources, this first church of *San Augustin* was built of stone and mortar, with a roof of palmetto wood. Later churches which replaced the storm-battered original were constructed of wood.

In 1685, Father Don Juan Ferro Machado, on a visitation commissioned by the Bishop of Santiago de Cuba, wrote in the parish register that the church at the time was "only a wooden structure, poorly fitted up, and the clergy were with but scanty means to give dignity to the worship of God."

In 1792, Father Michael O'Reilly, an Irish missionary who had come to St. Augustine eight years before, determined to give St. Augustine a church worthy of its place in New World Catholicity. Accordingly, with true Irish ingenuity, he designed a large building of typically Spanish-Moorish style — a now famous architectural paradox — and assumed personal direction of its construction. It rose steadily, a massive, solid structure, the walls of which were formed by vast blocks of coquina rock, an unusual formation composed of compressed pieces of sea-shells found nearby across Matanzas Bay.

When completed on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, 1797, the church was solemnly dedicated and placed under the protection of St. Augustine.

The imposing structure stood unchanged for nearly a century, until it was partially destroyed in the great fire of 1887. The original walls and the facade survived the blaze, and by an odd turning, were actually fused to a new hardness and durability by the searing heat of the flames. In the careful reconstruction that followed, two wings and a bell tower were added.

With Father O'Reilly's accomplishment, St. Augustine was at last possessed of a parish church worthy of its apostolic history. St. Augustine was made the See City of a separate diocese in 1870, and Father O'Reilly's Spanish church became the cathedral of all Florida. It still stands today — a fitting reminder of the noble role Irish priests have played for nearly four centuries in America's most ancient mission field.

IRELAND

in
FLORIDA

PRIESTLY SONS OF ERIN

IN THE DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

"Where America's Faith Began"

These are Irelands Gifts to Florida - -

Priestly gifts,
than which there are
no greater.

In these hands, the Faith
of Florida
has been nurtured.

In their young successors,
the Faith of Florida
has its future:

That like St. Patrick's
blazing Paschal Fire
above the Hall of Tara
this mission field
may burn with
Ireland's Faith
and meet the challenge
of the coming years
and glorify God forever! . . .

Florida, as much as any place on earth, has been blessed by the apostolate of Irish priests. It is the purpose of this brochure to recall a few instances of their missionary labors, to list in honor the Irish priests now serving here, and to extend welcome to those priestly sons of Erin who one day in God's grace, will come to our missionary land as other Christs to labor for Him and for souls.

Florida is still missionary country, a land of great opportunities for Christ. We in Florida look to Ireland today, as we have for nearly 400 years, for the consecrated hands needed to help reap the vast harvest. We pray that St. Patrick's Isle, so distant in geography and yet so closely bound to us in Christ's great work, will send forth even larger bands of levites to a land in which the Irish have always been "at home."

A share of Ireland's past is in Florida, and a share of Florida's future is in Ireland.

Yesterday

Today

I R E L A N D

in

F L O R I D A

Tomorrow



Yesterday

THE MEETING OF TWO TRADITIONS

All the world knows the Faith of Ireland. Ireland is the storied land of saints and scholars whose sanctity and learning have been a leaven for the growth of Christendom in the Old World and in the New. Ireland's Sogarths have preached the word of God on every shore; they have carried the Catholic Faith to every clime; among all peoples and under all conditions, they have followed steadfastly their patron St. Patrick in the highest spirit of Our Lord's missionary mandate.

In Father Richard Arthur we find an admirable prototype of the Irish priests who have labored for Christ in Florida down through the years . . .

The year was 1593. From a Spanish galleon anchored off Florida's mainland, a small, bobbing boat brought its passengers into the Spanish settlement of St. Augustine. The newcomers were mostly soldiers and colonizers who had come to help fulfill the dream of the Conquistador, Pedro Menendez. During his initial voyage in 1565, Menendez had written, "My ultimate object and desire is to insure that Florida be settled in perpetuity so that the Holy Gospel may be extended and planted in these provinces."

As the boat's party stepped ashore under the standard of Castile and Leon, one figure drew the attention of the onlookers. The Spaniards addressed him as Padre Ricardo Artur, but his actual name was Father Richard Arthur.

He was an Irish missionary

Father Arthur, a Diocesan priest, was the first Irish priest to serve within the present limits of the United States. He was one of the first pastors at

St. Augustine, America's oldest parish. He served also as chaplain of the local Spanish barracks and as Episcopal Vicar and Ecclesiastical Judge for the Bishop of Santiago de Cuba. He was the first of a long and saintly line of Irish priests who from that day to this have been front line missionaries in the Diocese of St. Augustine.

Father Arthur died at St. Augustine in 1606, after more than a decade of devoted works in this outpost of the Holy Faith.

Father Thomas Hassett and Father Michael O'Reilly—two more names prominent in Florida history, two other men whose lives were eloquent testimony to the Irish tradition of Faith . . .

When Florida was ceded by England to Spain in the peace treaty of 1783, Carlos III, the King of Spain, sent out a call for priests who could speak English as well as Spanish. He desired to bring the True Faith to those English settlers who remained in the Spanish settlement in the New World. At the Irish college in Salamanca, there were a number of Irish priests and seminarians who had been compelled by English Penal Laws to flee Ireland and seek their priestly education abroad. Carlos requested two of these priests—Father Thomas Hassett, of Dublin, and Father Michael O'Reilly, of Longford—to provide for the future of the Faith in his New World province.

The two priests readily consented. Eagerly they set sail to fulfill the mission of their sacred Priesthood in a country farther removed even than

Spain from their native land. The two missionaries arrived in St. Augustine on August 1, 1784. Father Hassett noted in the parish register that he had come as parish priest and ecclesiastical judge; and Father O'Reilly, as auxiliary and chaplain of the garrison at the fort.

The new missionaries found few traces of Catholic life. But after a short period of devoted labors, they witnessed a vigorous rebirth of the Faith. The colonists and soldiers assisted in great numbers at Holy Mass; and the Indians, who had been deprived of their priests as well as of their farmlands during the English occupation, began to return to the practice of their religion.

During his time as pastor at St. Augustine, Father Hassett earned distinction in the annals of Catholic education: He established in 1784 the **first free school in America**. He left St. Augustine around the turn of the century to become a Cathedral Canon in Cuba and later Vicar-General of New Orleans, where he died in 1804.

Father O'Reilly assumed the pastoral burden when Father Hasset left. Described by early sources as a priest of "zeal, energy and devotion," this Irish Sogarth—known to his Spanish parishioners as Father Miquel O'Reilly—enshrined his memory in a lasting monument to Irish missionary labors in Florida. It was he, an Irishman, who designed and built the Spanish-Moorish church that stands today as the Cathedral of our Diocese. (The story of his church is told elsewhere in this brochure.)

In 1791 more Irish priests came to Florida from Salamanca. In the parish register we find the names of Fathers Mark Barry, Michael Wallis, Augustus McCafferty, and Michael Crosby.

Father Crosby, who was born in Dublin, attended Father O'Reilly on his death in 1812 and buried the hardy and saintly priest within the shadow of the church which he had built and loved. Father Crosby himself was to die in 1822, shortly before the change of flags in which Florida became a possession of the United States.

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A Spanish colony with Irish priests—from the time that Father Richard Arthur stepped ashore in 1593 until our own day, the two traditions of Faith have prospered in Florida. Gallant Spain of the Catholic Kings—Los Reyes Catolicos—brought the Faith to Florida. The Isle of Saints helped to preserve and spread it.

Old St. Augustine is the cradle of American Catholicity and civilization. This lonely Spanish outpost was the first permanent Christian settlement within the present limits of the United States. Its foundation on the shores of Ponce de Leon's **Pascua de Florida** antedates the coming of the pilgrims to New England by more than a half a century.

Pedro Menendez de Aviles, a Conquistador eager for the conquest of souls for Christ, sailed from Cadiz in June of the year 1565 with eleven ships and 600 men. On August 28th of the same year, he sighted Florida's coast. It was the Feast of St. Augustine.

These holy beginnings in the new settlement of St. Augustine were followed by years of intense missionary endeavor. Priests and soldier-catechists carried the Cross of Christ with heroic resolve into a wilderness soon splendid with the blood of martyrs. Hostile Indian tribes, tempered by the mercy of their visitors, were brought in growing numbers to enfold the joy of the True Faith. The spiritual frontier was pushed farther inland in an ever expanding perimeter. And, though the fortunes of St. Augustine and Florida passed through sieges and plunderings and fires, and several different periods of possession by Spain, England, and the newly united American states, the missionary activities begun there carried on to our own time despite all obstacles.

From the beginning, Irish priests had a major part in this great Catholic effort. Ireland's consecrated sons labored side by side with their Spanish brothers. Under the flag of the United States, St. Augustine's Irish and Spanish traditions perdured. The old city has never lost its Hispanic atmosphere, and its Catholic people have never lost their Irish priests.



Today

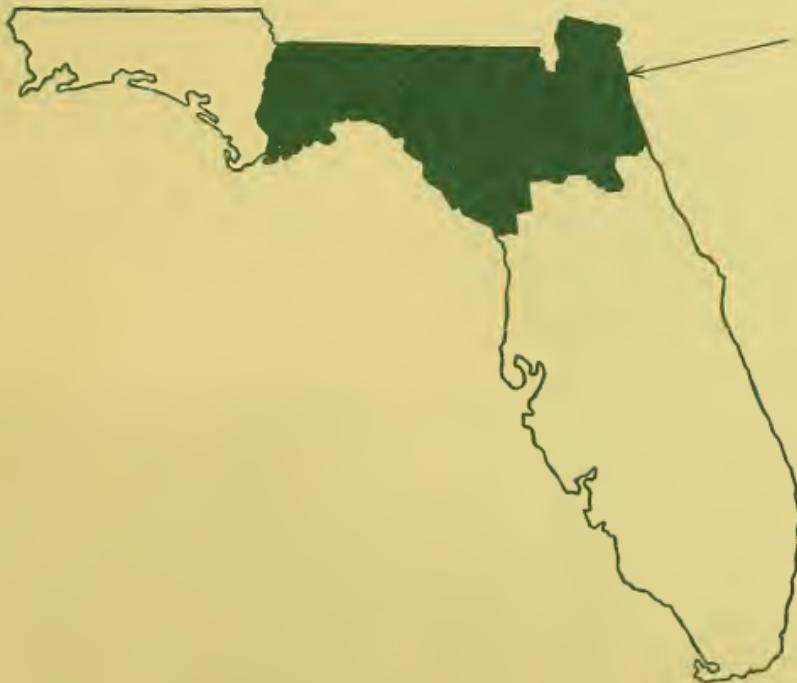
THE SHAMROCK AND THE PALM



The generous bounty of Catholic Ireland has continued to bless this distant shore. Today, as in those early hard years of exploration, poverty, and sacrifice, Ireland's priests still carry the Cross of Christ, still bring the light of faith to darkened eyes, still know the struggles and the joys of a missionary heart. The names of those who serve today, like the names of gallant Irish priests before them, are writ large upon the record of America's historic Diocese and cherished in the hearts of the Faithful.

On the following pages are pictured the Irish priests now engaged in the missionary works of our Diocese. So that you may better realize the scope of their apostolate, as well as the constant expansion of their labors, we present them to you in their priestly environments in cities, towns, and remote undeveloped regions of our growing vineyard. As you look, you will envision the work that has been done to bring these churches, schools, missions, church-auditoriums, and chapels to reality. The further work which is ours—will leap into view. In these pictures where there are not yet schools, schools will be built; where there are only missions or chapels or church-auditoriums, churches will rise and needed parishes erected.

Look at us, through our Irish priests, as we are today—imagine what we will be tomorrow . . . "A share of Ireland's past is in Florida; and a share of Florida's future is in Ireland."



The St. Augustine Deanery

*The Irish Priests
in the
St. Augustine
Deanery*

Jacksonville:

St. Paul's
Church
and
School



THE RT. REV. MONSIGNOR
PATRICK E. NOLAN, *D.D., V.F.*

Born December 14, 1896 in Belfast, County Antrim . . . studied at Mungris College, Limerick, and the North American College in Rome . . . ordained September 18, 1920 in Rome . . . obtained S.T.D. degree at the College of Propaganda in Rome, and came to the diocese in 1921 . . . Monsignor Nolan is pastor of St. Paul's Church, Jacksonville . . . Director of the Council of Catholic Women, a Diocesan Consultor, Synodal Judge and Examiner.



Jacksonville:

THE RT. REV. MONSIGNOR
JAMES B. CLOONAN

Born in Birr, County Offaly . . . studied at St. Flannan's College, Ennis, and St. John's College, Waterford . . . ordained June 16, 1929, and came to the diocese in the same year . . . Invested as domestic prelate to His Holiness, Pope Pius XII in June, 1955 . . . Monsignor Cloonan is pastor of the Church of the Assumption, Jacksonville . . . Member of the Diocesan Building Commission and Parish Priest Consultor.



*Church of the
Assumption
and
School*

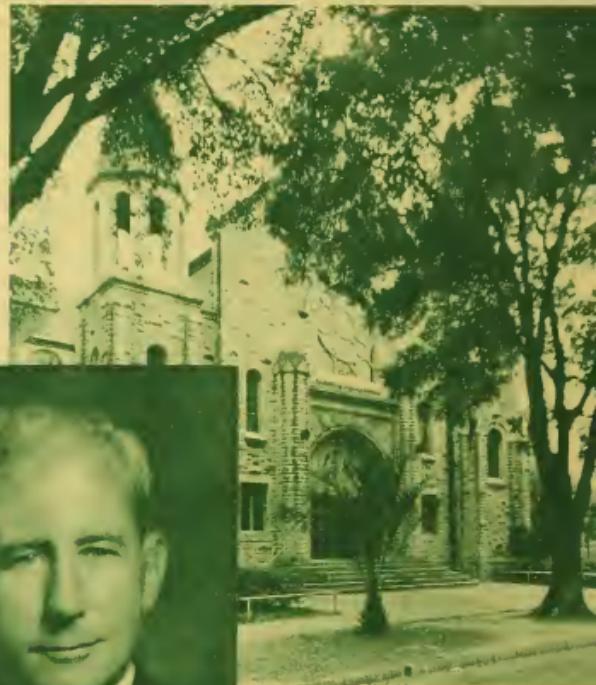


Jacksonville:

Holy Rosary Church

FATHER WILLIAM J. O'FARRELL

Born March 28, 1913 in Lissanurlan, County Longford . . . studied at St. Mel's College, Longford, and St. Patrick's College, Maynooth . . . ordained December 24, 1929 and came to the diocese in 1943 . . . Father O'Farrell is now pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Jacksonville.



Loretto:

*St. Joseph's
Church and School*



FATHER JOHN P. BURNS, J.C.L.

Born March 17, 1924 in Blarney, Count Cork . . . studied at O'Sullivan Academy, Cork, St. Patrick's College, Carlow, and obtained the J.C.L. degree at The Catholic University of America . . . ordained June 4, 1950 . . . Father Burns is administrator of St. Joseph's Church, Loretto . . . Secretary of the Tribunal, and Vice-Officials.

Newcomers to the Diocese



FATHER EDWARD J. MULLIGAN

Born August 2, 1931 at Arva, County Cavan . . . studied at All Hallows College, Dublin . . . ordained June 17, 1956 . . . Father Mulligan will assume his missionary duties in the diocese of St. Augustine in September, 1956.



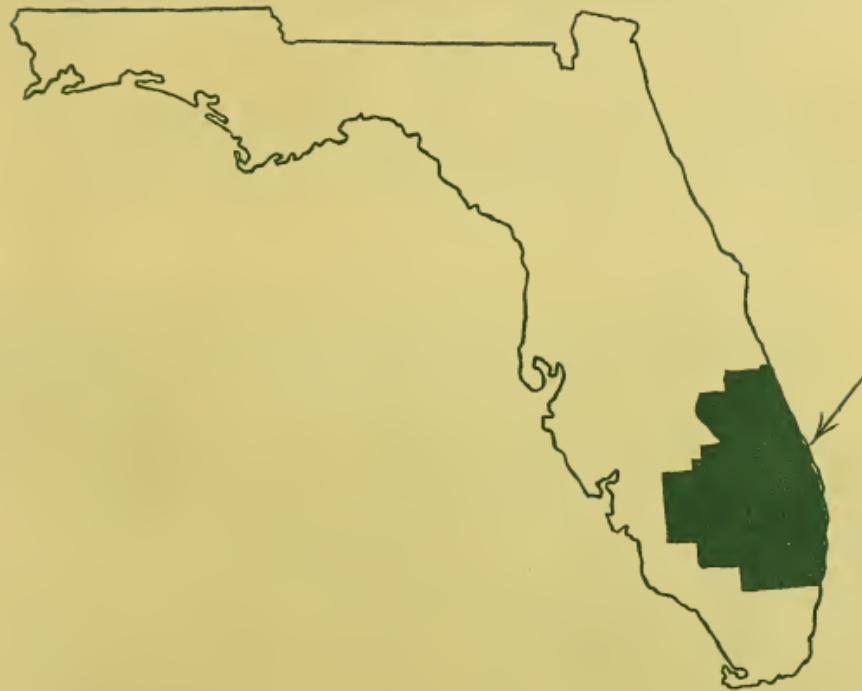
FATHER JAMES G. CROTTY

Born September 15, 1931 at Kilrush . . . studied at St. Patrick's College, Carlow . . . ordained June 10, 1956 . . . Father Crotty will assume his missionary duties in the Diocese of St. Augustine in September, 1956.



FATHER JOHN P. MOLLOY

Born August 29, 1932 at County Offaly . . . studied at All Hallows College, Dublin . . . ordained June 17, 1956 . . . Father Molloy will assume his missionary duties in the Diocese of St. Augustine in September, 1956.



The East Coast Deanery

***The Irish Priests
in the
East Coast
Deanery***



Fort Lauderdale:

St. Anthony's Church and School

THE RT. REV. MONSIGNOR JOHN J. O'LOONEY

Born March 20, 1900 in Inagh, County Clare . . . studied at St. Flannan's College, Ennis, All Hallows College, Dublin, and the National University of Ireland . . . ordained June 2, 1928 . . . invested as domestic prelate to His Holiness, Pope Pius XII in 1952 . . . Monsignor O'Looney is pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Fort Lauderdale.



Fort Lauderdale:

St. Clement's Church and School

FATHER JAMES KEOGH

Born August 22, 1913 in Newmarket-on-Fergus, County Clare . . . studied at Mungret College, County Limerick, St. Patrick's College, Thurles, and the Gregorian University of Rome . . . ordained June 15, 1941 and came to the diocese in 1943 . . . Father Keogh is now pastor of St. Clement's Church, Fort Lauderdale.





Hollywood:

*Church of the Little Flower
and School*

FATHER FRANCIS DUNLEAVY

Born September 22, 1915, in Mohill, County Leitrim . . . studied at the College of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo, and St. Patrick's College, Maynooth . . . ordained in June, 1940 and came to the diocese in the same year . . . Father Dunleavy is pastor of the Church of the Little Flower, Hollywood.



FATHER M. F. MONOHAN

Born in Claremorris, Ireland . . . studied at Rockwell College, Cashel, All Hallows College, Dublin, and Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland . . . ordained June 19, 1917, and came to the diocese in the same year . . . Father Monahan is pastor emeritus of the Church of the Little Flower, Hollywood.



Palm Beach:

St. Edward's Church



THE RT. REV. MONSIGNOR
JEREMIAH PATRICK O'MAHONEY, LL.B.

Born April 19, 1885 in Skibbereen, County Cork . . . studied at Niagara University, New York, St. Viator Seminary and College, Bourbonnais, Illinois, and took graduate studies at Fordham University, New York City, and the University of Florida . . . ordained June 6, 1914 and came to the diocese in 1928 . . . Monsignor O'Mahoney is pastor of St. Edward's Church, Palm Beach . . . Director of the Propagation of the Faith, and a Diocesan Consultor.



Delray Beach:

St. Vincent Ferrer

Church and School

FATHER JOHN J. KELLAGHAN

Born December 14, 1903 in Mullingar, County Westmeath . . . studied at Mungrit College, Limerick, and the College of Propaganda in Rome . . . ordained June 22, 1928 in Rome, and came to the diocese in 1929 . . . Father Kellaghan is now pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, Delray Beach.



Pompano Beach:

Our Lady of the Assumption Church



FATHER MICHAEL J. FOGARTY

Born September 29, 1908 in Capetown, South Africa . . . studied at St. Flannan's College, Ennis, County Clare, and St. John's College, Waterford . . . ordained June 15, 1933 and came to the diocese in the same year . . . Father Fogarty is pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Pompano Beach.



Fort Lauderdale:

Central Catholic High School

FATHER TERENCE J. FARRELLY

Born February 10, 1924 in Kingscourt, County Cavan . . . studied at St. Patrick's College, Cavan; St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny; and St. Mary's Seminary, Roland Park, Baltimore, Maryland . . . ordained May 18, 1950 . . . Father Farrelly is president of Central Catholic High School of Broward County in Fort Lauderdale.



Fort Lauderdale:

St. Anthony's Parish



FATHER MATTHEW MORGAN

Born October 4, 1924 in Dromavaddy, County Cavan . . . studied at St. Patrick's College, Cavan; St. Patrick's Seminary, Carlow; and St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland . . . ordained May 12, 1951 . . . Father Morgan is assistant pastor at St. Anthony's Church.



FATHER TIMOTHY LEO DANAHER

Born October 11, 1931 in Longhill, County Limerick . . . studied at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny and has done graduate work at the Catholic University of America . . . ordained June 3, 1955 . . . Father Danaher is assistant pastor at St. Anthony's.

Hollywood:

Church of the Little Flower



FATHER JOHN J. McATAVEY

Born August 12, 1928 in Middletown, County Armagh . . . studied at the Christian Brothers College, Armagh, and St. John's College, Waterford . . . ordained in June, 1954 . . . Father McAtavey is assistant pastor of The Church of the Little Flower, Hollywood.



FATHER JOHN SKEHAN

Born July 5, 1927 in Johnstown, County Kilkenny . . . studied at St. Kiernan's College, Kilkenny . . . ordained June 8, 1952 and came to the diocese in the same year . . . Father Skehan is now assistant pastor at the Church of the Little Flower.



The Southeast Deanery

*The Irish Priests
in the
Southeast
Deanery*

Miami Beach:

St. Patrick's
Church
and
School



THE RT. REV. MONSIGNOR
WILLIAM BARRY, P.A., V.F.

Born August 16, 1886 in Ire-
land . . . studied at St. Patrick's
College, Carlow, and St. Mary's

Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland . . . ordained June 21, 1910
. . . invested as Prothonotary Apostolic in October, 1953 . . .
Monsignor Barry is pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Miami
Beach . . . a Diocesan Consultor and Synodal Examiner.

Miami Shores:

St. Rose of Lima Church and School



THE RT. REV. MONSIGNOR JAMES F. ENRIGHT

Born May 10, 1902 in Ennis, County Clare . . . studied at the National University of Eire and at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland . . . ordained June 16, 1927, in Baltimore . . . Monsignor Enright is pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church, Miami Shores . . . Visitor General for Religious Communities, and a Diocesan Consultor.



Coral Gables:

Little Flower Church and School

THE RT. REV. MONSIGNOR THOMAS COMBER

Born July 20, 1894 in Castletown, County Limerick . . . attended Mount Mellery College, Waterford, and the University of Freiburg, Switzerland . . . ordained April 25, 1919 in Lucerne, Switzerland . . . Monsignor Comber is pastor of Little Flower Church, Coral Gables . . . a Diocesan Consultor and Synodal Examiner.



Miami:

Sts. Peter and Paul Church and School



FATHER ROBERT P. BRENNAN

Born March 18, 1892 in Fenagh, County Carlow . . . studied at Mungret College, Limerick, North American College, in Rome, and All Hallows College, Dublin . . . ordained May 25, 1920 . . . Father Brennan is pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Church, Miami, and a Parish Priest Consultor.





Miami:

Corpus Christi Church and School

FATHER FRANCIS J. FINNEGAN

Born February 27, 1903 in Kilgarvan, County Kerry . . . studied at St. Brendan's Seminary, Killarney, and St. John's College, Waterford . . . ordained June 26, 1929, and came to the diocese in the same year . . . Father Finnegan is pastor of Corpus Christi Church, Miami.



South Miami:

Church of the Epiphany and School



FATHER PATRICK D. O'BRIEN

Born September 17, 1904 in Skibbereen, County Cork . . . studied at St. Joseph's College, Cork, and St. Francis College and Seminary, Loretto, Pennsylvania . . . ordained June 2, 1928 and came to the diocese in the same year . . . Father O'Brien is now pastor of the Church of the Epiphany, South Miami.



Hialeah:

St. John the Apostle
Church
and
School



FATHER PETER REILLY, J.C.D.

Born April 23, 1908 in Longford . . . studied at St. Mary's College, Moyne, St. John's College, Waterford, and obtained J.C.D. degree at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C. . . . ordained June 12, 1932 . . . Father Reilly is pastor of St. John the Apostle Church, Hialeah . . . and a Pro-Synodal Judge.



Miami:

St. Mary's Church and School



FATHER P. J. O'DONOGHUE

Born August 14, 1912 in Knocknagoshel, County Kerry . . . studied at St. Brendan's Seminary, Killarney, St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, the Irish College and Lateran University in Rome . . . ordained in Rome on May 15, 1938 and came to the diocese in the same year . . . now pastor of St. Mary's Church, Miami.



North Miami:

St. James
Church and School

FATHER FRANCIS P. DIXON, J.C.L.

Born March 2, 1916 in Lahinch, County Clare . . . studied at Rockwell College, Cashel, and St. Patrick's College, Thurles . . . ordained June 11, 1939 . . . obtained J.C.L. degree in 1941 from The Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C. . . Father Dixon is now pastor of St. James Church, Miami.



West Miami:

St. Brendan's
Church and School

FATHER THOMAS O'DONOVAN, J.C.L.

Born December 10, 1914 in Donaskeigh, County Tipperary . . . studied at Rockwell College, Cashel and St. Patrick's College, Thurles . . . ordained June 14, 1942 and came to the diocese the following year . . . obtained J.C.L. degree from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. . . . Father O'Donovan is pastor of St. Brendan's Church, Miami . . . a Notary and Synodal Judge.



Homestead:

Sacred Heart Church and School



FATHER JOHN O'DOWD

Born June 27, 1917 in Castlemaine, County Kerry . . . studied at St. Brendan's Seminary, Killarney, and St. Patrick's College, Carlow . . . ordained June 7, 1942 and came to the diocese in the following year . . . Father O'Dowd is pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Homestead, with its mission of San Pedro.

A black and white portrait of Father James Connaughton, a young man with dark hair, wearing a clerical collar and a dark clerical vestment.

Marathon Key:

Marathon Mission

Tavernier Key:

San Pedro Mission

FATHER JAMES CONNAUGHTON

Born December 15, 1924 in Williamstown, County Galway . . . studied at St. Jarlath's College, Tuam and St. John's College, Waterford . . . ordained June 18, 1950 and came to the diocese in the same year . . . Father Connaughton is pastor of Marathon Mission in Marathon Key and San Pedro Mission (pictured) in Tavernier Key.



Miami:

Archbishop Curley High School



FATHER BERNARD McCAFFERTY

Born in Letterkenny, County Donegal . . . studied at St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny; St. Patrick's College, Maynooth; and the Irish College in Rome . . . ordained March 10, 1951 in Rome . . . Father McCafferty is president of Archbishop Curley High School in Miami.



South Miami:

Epiphany Parish



FATHER WILLIAM J. HOLMES

Born April 20, 1902 in Milford, County Cork . . . studied at St. Colman's College, Fermoy; St. Patrick's College, Carlow; the National University of Ireland, Dublin; and Kendrick Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri . . . ordained April 3, 1932 and came to the diocese in 1942 . . . Father Holmes is now assistant pastor of Epiphany Church in South Miami.

Miami:

St. Mary's Parish



FATHER JAMES C. FAHEY

Born September 22, 1926 in Cloonfad, County Roscommon . . . studied at St. Jariath's College, Tuam; St. Patrick's College, Maynooth; and St. John's College, Waterford . . . ordained June 14, 1953 . . . Father Fahey is assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in Miami.

North Miami:

Holy Family Parish



FATHER LAWRENCE E. HIGGINS

Born September 3, 1928 in Magherafelt, County Derry . . . studied at St. Columb's College, Derry; St. Patrick's College, Armagh; and All Hallows College, Dublin . . . ordained June 21, 1953 and came to the diocese in the same year . . . Father Higgins is now assistant pastor of Holy Family Church, North Miami.



FATHER THOMAS L. McDERMOTT

Born September 23, 1930 at Mullingar, Ireland . . . studied at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny . . . ordained June 3, 1955 . . . Father McDermott is assistant pastor of Holy Family Church in North Miami.

Miami Springs:

Blessed Trinity Parish



FATHER PATRICK M. MADDEN

Born November 28, 1925 in Charlestown, County Mayo . . . studied at St. Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen; St. Patrick's College, Maynooth; and St. Patrick's College, Thurles . . . ordained June 14, 1953 . . . Father Madden is assistant pastor of Blessed Trinity Church, Miami Springs.



FATHER THOMAS ANGLIM

Born November 14, 1928 in Feakle, County Clare . . . studied at Mungret College, Limerick and St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland . . . ordained May 23, 1954 . . . Father Anglim is assistant pastor of Blessed Trinity Church in Miami Springs.

North Hialeah:

Immaculate Conception Parish



FATHER IRVINE NUGENT

Born December 21, 1928 in Omagh, County Tyrone . . . studied at Christian Brothers School, Omagh and St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny . . . ordained June 6, 1954 . . . Father Nugent is now assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, North Hialeah.



FATHER JOHN P. LENIHAN

Born July 14, 1929 at Castlemaine, County Kerry . . . studied at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny . . . ordained June 7, 1953 . . . Father Lenihan is assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in North Hialeah.

Miami Beach:

St. Patrick's Parish



FATHER JAMES J. HESLIN

Born December 31, 1930 in Leitrim . . . studied at St. Patrick's College, Thurles . . . ordained June 6, 1954 . . . Father Heslin is assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Miami Beach.

Coral Gables:

Little Flower Parish



FATHER WILLIAM J. TRAINOR

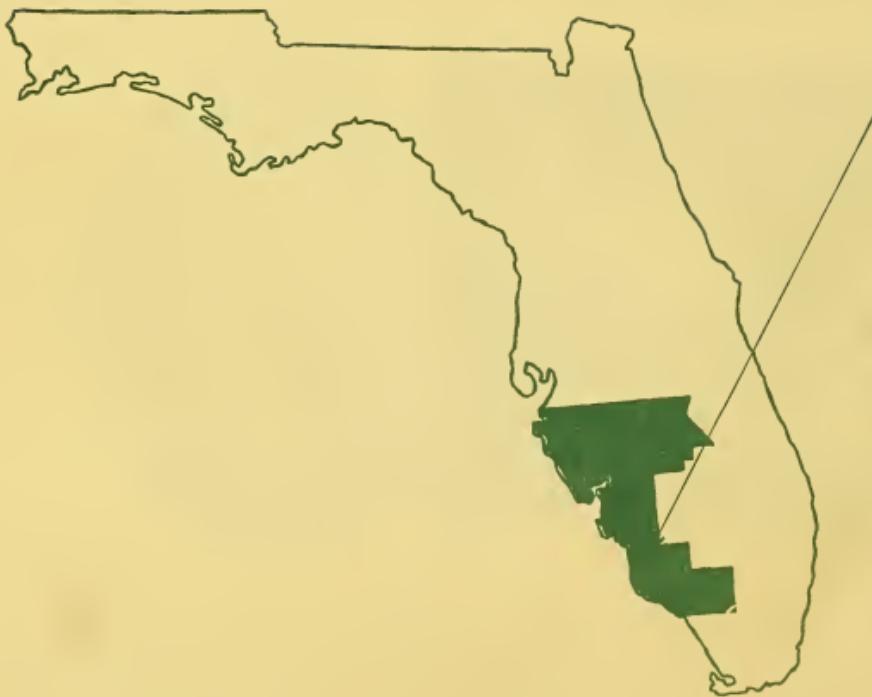
Born May 10, 1930 in Brooklyn, New York . . . studied at St. Patrick's College, Armagh, and All Hallows College, Dublin . . . ordained July 21, 1953 . . . Father Trainor is assistant pastor of Little Flower Church, Coral Gables.

Miami:

Notre Dame Academy



Another of the Diocese's new central Catholic high schools is Notre Dame Academy, a high school for girls, in Miami.



The Southwest Deanery

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Naples:

St. Ann's Church

FATHER TIMOTHY J. GEARY

Born May 11, 1905 in Charleville, County Cork . . . studied at Cistercian College, Roscrea, and St. John's College, Waterford . . . ordained June 14, 1931 and came to the diocese in the same year . . . Father Geary is now pastor of St. Ann's Church, Naples.



Sarasota:

St. Martha's Church and School



FATHER MARTIN B. POWER

Born August 17, 1927 in Newmarket, County Kilkenny . . . studied at Newmarket National School, Kilkenny and St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny . . . ordained June 7, 1953 . . . Father Power is assistant pastor of St. Martha's Church, Sarasota.



FATHER MICHAEL REYNOLDS

Born in November, 1905 in Mohill, County Leitrim . . . studied at St. Mel's College, Longford and St. Patrick's College, Carlow . . . ordained June 15, 1930 and came to the diocese in the same year . . . Father Reynolds is presently convalescing in Ireland.



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St. Petersburg:

St. Paul's Church and School

THE RT. REV. MONSIGNOR JOHN J. MULLINS, V.F.

Born October 4, 1903 in Ennistymon, County Clare . . . studied at St. Flannan's College, Ennis; All Hallows College, Dublin; University College, Dublin, and Innsbruck University . . . ordained March 25, 1928, in Innsbruck, and came to the diocese in the same year . . . Invested as domestic prelate to His Holiness Pope Pius XII in October, 1952 . . . Monsignor Mullins is pastor of St. Paul's Church, St. Petersburg . . . a Diocesan Consultor and Pro Synodal Examiner.



St. Petersburg:

St. Mary's Church

THE RT. REV. MONSIGNOR
PATRICK DONOHOE

Born May 28, 1902 in Cavan . . . studied at St. Patrick's College, Cavan, and St. Patrick's College, Carlow . . . ordained June 9, 1929 and came to the diocese in the same year . . . invested as domestic prelate to His Holiness, Pope Pius XII in 1953 . . . Monsignor Donohoe is pastor of St. Mary's Church, St. Petersburg . . . a Diocesan Consultant and Parish Priest Consultant.



St. Petersburg:

St. Jude's Church and School

THE RT. REV. MONSIGNOR JAMES J. MEEHAN

Born December 20, 1894 in Hospital, County Limerick . . . attended Rockwell College, Cashel, St. Patrick's College, Thurles, and took graduate studies at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C. . . . ordained June 20, 1920 and came to the diocese in 1921 . . . Monsignor Meehan is pastor of St. Jude's Church, St. Petersburg . . . Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Director of the Council of Catholic Men, a Diocesan Consultor and Synodal Examiner.



St. Petersburg:

St. Joseph's Church and School

FATHER JOHN MURPHY

Born December 10, 1903 in Mooncoin, County Kilkenny . . . studied at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, and St. John's College Waterford . . . ordained June 16, 1929 and came to the diocese in the same year . . . Father Murphy is now pastor of St. Joseph's Church, St. Petersburg.



St. Petersburg Beach:

St. John's Church and School



FATHER PATRICK
JOSEPH TRAINOR

Born October 22, 1918 in New York City . . . studied at St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny, and St. Patrick's College, Thurles . . . ordained June 25, 1945, and came to the diocese in the same year . . . Father Trainor is pastor of St. John's Church, St. Petersburg.



Tampa:

Christ the King

Church and School



FATHER MARK McLOUGHLIN

Born March 6, 1906 in Kilkenny . . . studied at St. Finian's College, Mullingar, St. Patrick's College, Carlow, and St. John's College, Surrey, England . . . ordained June 11, 1933 in Ireland, and came to the diocese in the same year . . . Father McLoughlin is now pastor of Christ the King Church, Tampa.



Tampa:

Most Holy Redeemer

Church and School

FATHER ANTHONY McGOWAN

Born April 19, 1903 in County Westmeath . . . studied at St. Joseph's College, Cork, and Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. . . . ordained December 21, 1927, and came to the diocese in the following year . . . Father McGowan is pastor of Most Holy Redeemer Church, Tampa.



Clearwater:

St. Cecelia's Church and School



FATHER THOMAS COLREAVY

Born June 22, 1901 in Mohill, County Leitrim . . . studied at St. Mel's College, Longford, and St. Patrick's College, Maynooth . . . ordained June 20, 1926, and came to the diocese in the same year . . . Father Colreavy is pastor of St. Cecilia's Church, Clearwater.



Winter Haven:

St. Joseph's Church

FATHER JOHN VINCENT O'SULLIVAN

Born June 5, 1901 in Ballydehob, County Cork . . . studied at St. Finnbarr's College, Cork, St. John's College, Waterford, and the University of Innsbruck, in Austria . . . ordained April 3, 1927, at Innsbruck, and came to the diocese in the following year . . . Father O'Sullivan is pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Winter Haven.



Lakeland:

St. Joseph's Church and School

FATHER BRYAN OLIVER WALSH

Born June 19, 1930 in Portarlington, County Kildare . . . studied at Sacred Heart College, Limerick; Munget College, Limerick; and St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland . . . ordained May 23, 1954 . . . Father Walsh is administrator of St. Joseph's Church, Lakeland . . . assistant director of Catholic Charities.



St. Petersburg:

Bishop Barry High School

FATHER PETER C. DOLAN

Born April 25, 1931 in Garadice, County Leitrim . . . studied at St. John's College, Waterford . . . ordained June 17, 1954 . . . Father Dolan is on the faculty of Bishop Barry High School in St. Petersburg.



St. Petersburg:

St. Paul's Parish



FATHER MICHAEL B. LAWLOR

Born March 4, 1930 in County Clare . . . studied at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth . . . ordained June 19, 1955 . . . Father Lawlor is assistant pastor at St. Paul's Church, St. Petersburg.



FATHER JOHN B. O'HARE

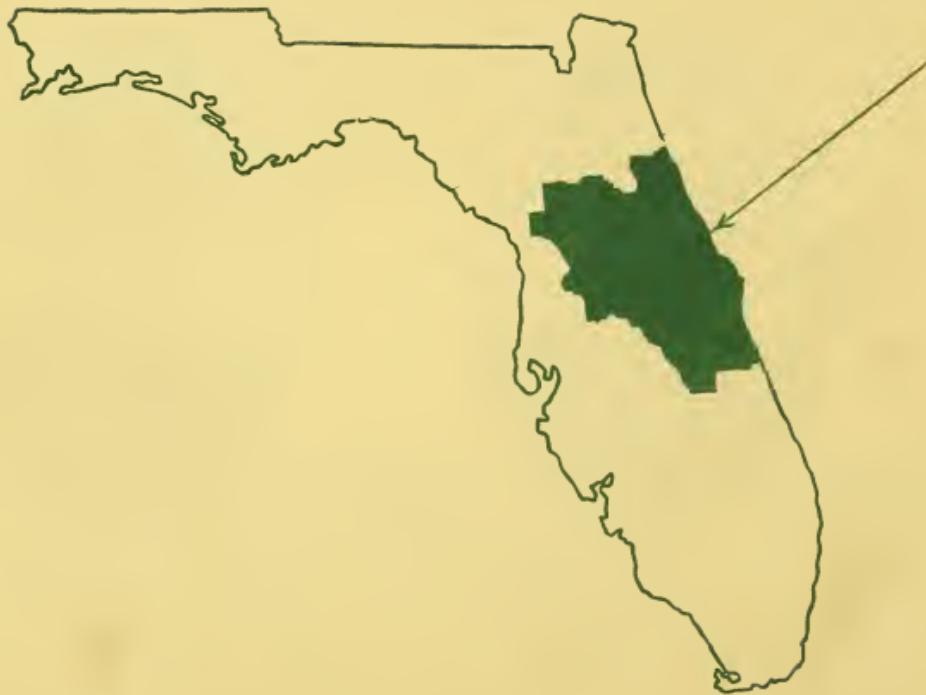
Born September 24, 1929 in Millstreet, County Cork . . . studied at De La Salle College, Macroom and All Hallows College, Dublin . . . ordained June 21, 1953 and came to the diocese in the same year . . . Father O'Hare is assistant pastor at St. Paul's Church, St. Petersburg.

St. Mary's Parish



FATHER DONAL NOONAN

Born February 6, 1929 in Galbally, County Limerick . . . studied at St. Patrick's College, Thurles . . . ordained June 6, 1954 . . . Father Noonan is assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, St. Petersburg.



The Central Deanery

*The Irish Priests
in the
Central
Deanery*

Winter Park:

St. Margaret Mary

Church and School

FATHER DANIEL C. HEGARTY

Born March 22, 1905 in Mallow, County Cork . . . studied at St. Colman's College, Fermoy, and Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland . . . ordained June 8, 1930 and came to the diocese in the same year . . . Father Hegarty is pastor of St. Margaret Mary Church, Winter Park.



Daytona Beach:

Our Lady of Lourdes

Church and School



FATHER MICHAEL J. KELLY

Born in Roscrea, County Tipperary . . . studied at St. Flannan's College, Ennis, St. Patrick's College, Thurles, and the Gregorian University in Rome . . . ordained in Rome on July 4, 1937, and came to the diocese in August, 1942 . . . Father Kelly is now pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Daytona Beach.



Kissimmee:

St. Cloud:

Holy Redeemer Church

St. Thomas Mission



FATHER WILLIAM A. O'FARRELL

Born March 27, 1907 in Dromod, County Leitrim . . . studied at St. Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen, and St. Patrick's College, Carlow . . . ordained June 13, 1931 and came to the diocese in the same year . . . Father O'Farrell is pastor of Holy Redeemer Church, Kissimmee, with its mission of St. Thomas, in St. Cloud.



Melbourne:

Our Lady of Lourdes
Church and School



FATHER JOSEPH BARRY

Born October 30, 1911, in Thurles, County Tipperary . . . studied at Mount Mellery College, Waterford and St. John's College, Waterford . . . ordained June 23, 1935 . . . Father Barry is pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Melbourne . . . a Pro-Synodal Examiner and Judge.

Orlando:

Bishop Moore High School



Another of the Diocese's new central Catholic high schools is Bishop Moore High School in Orlando.



Nombre de Dios

"Where America's Faith Began"

Tomorrow

THE FRONTIERS OF THE FAITH





They knew Florida's wild trails well — broke new ones to open the road for Christ . . .

And their work goes on today in their Priestly successors. The sandy trails are great arteries now and the automobile is the ordinary conveyance. But the goal — Christ's people — is the same and the Priestly heart still burns with love and zeal.



And tomorrow — it will still be the same. No matter the difficulties, regardless of changes, the mission work of Christ's Priests in Florida will go on.

Over palmettos and swamps and great cities will burn the Lumen Christi.

THE DIOCESE TODAY

Diocesan priests	154
Seminarians	126
Sisters	780
Parishes	110
Chapels	87
Missions	47
Stations	16
High schools, diocesan, parochial and private	23
Elementary schools, parochial and private	83
Total youths under Catholic instruction	42,908
General hospitals	8
Homes for invalids and aged	3
Children's homes	5
Total Catholic population	173,207
Total Florida population	2,743,720
(1950 census)	

For Christ and His people the Church in Florida envisions:

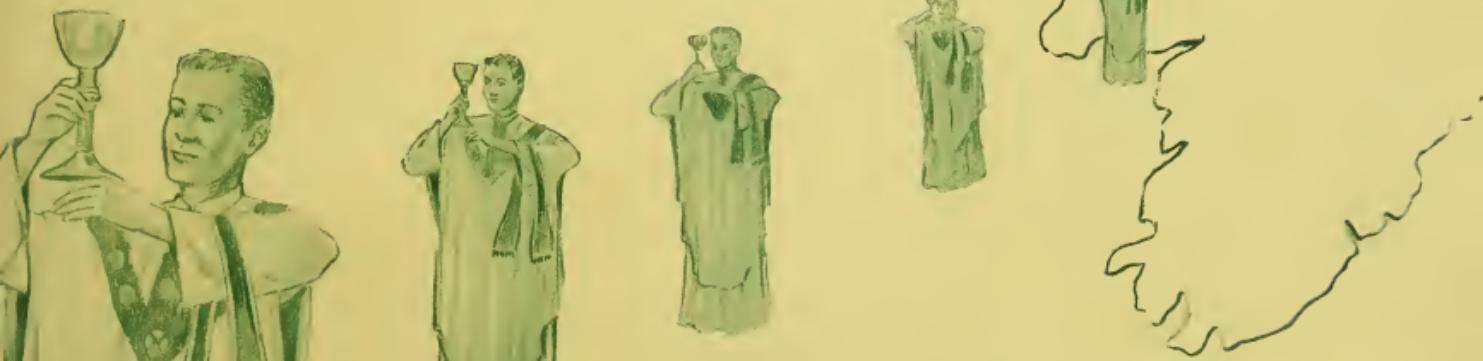
- + Dozens of new missions in every part of the state!
- + 20 new grade and high schools for her children!
- + Expansion of a score of existing facilities!

The area encompassed by the Diocese of St. Augustine is currently enjoying an extraordinary growth. Cities such as Miami have more than doubled in population since the close of World War II. To keep abreast of these growths and conduct an adequate modern apostolate, Florida urgently needs priests — 200 within the next five years!

Most of all, Florida looks for PRIESTS — men of God with the qualities that made her a landmark in missionary history: the venturesome spirit of the Conquistador and the joyous, apostolic zeal of the monk!

In the glorious battle to bring Christ to men, the Church confidently looks to Catholic youths to enlist in Christ's service. Even as they eagerly come, the Church beckons more to follow. This is life's greatest battle and Christ is the greatest Captain.

THE CHURCH IN FLORIDA was started on sand, but its foundations were built upon a Rock. From small and daring beginnings, the beachhead of 1565 has been fortified and expanded. Forward, ever forward go the Frontiers of the Faith!



From Donegal and Kerry, Killarney and Cork, from St. Patrick's, All Hallows, St. Flannan's—from every county and college in Ireland—these priests of Jesus Christ, these missionaries of a generous and saintly land, have formed a bridge of faith to Florida!

As the bridge has grown, so Florida has grown in the ardor and the splendor of her faith.



"A share of Ireland's past is in Florida; and a share of
Florida's future is in Ireland." . . .

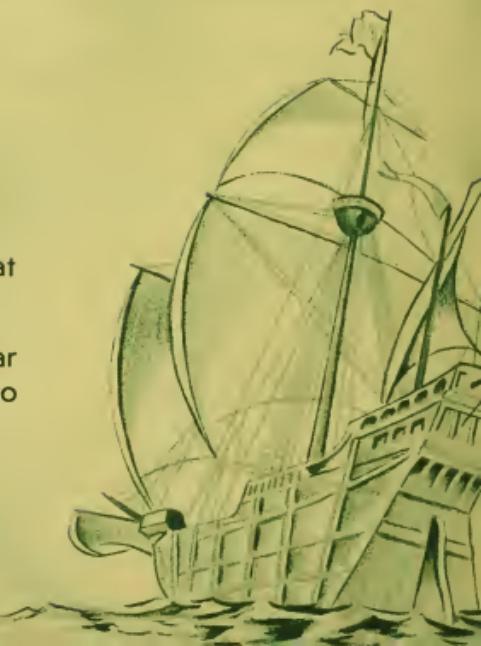
Are **you** in that future?

Are your soon-to-be-annointed hands to fortify the bridge that
joins the Isle of Saints with the Peninsula of Missions?

Are you among the band of future missionaries who will bear
St. Patrick's fire of Faith to a growing tropic shore—to
perpetuate the Shamrock and the Palm?

THE ANSWER AND THE FUTURE ARE YOURS.

Do you hear, as St. Patrick heard, the call to
blaze new trails for Christ? —



See, your ship is ready!

The Voice of Saint Patrick

" . . . I am greatly a debtor to God, who afforded me such great grace that through me many people should be regenerated to God and afterwards confirmed, and that clergy should everywhere be ordained for them—for a people newly come to belief, whom the Lord took from the ends of the earth, as He promised of old through His prophets. . . .

" . . . We ought to fish well and diligently, as the Lord forewarns and teaches, saying, 'Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.'

" . . . Therefore it was urgently necessary that we should spread our nets to take a great multitude and a throng for God, and that everywhere there should be clergy to baptize and exhort the poverty-stricken and needy folk, as the Lord in the Gospel warns and teaches, saying:

" 'Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you all days, even unto the consummation of the world. . . .'

— From the Confession of St. Patrick



